Mountain Weather Forecast

Southwest Highlands

Including Ben Nevis, Glen Coe and the rest of Lochaber, Argyll including the Isles, Loch Lomond, Trossachs and Arran

Forecast valid from 06:00 on Saturday 17 Oct 2020 until 23:59 on Sunday 18 Oct 2020

Forecast Issued on Saturday 17 Oct 2020 at 03:17 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for contrasting cloud cover across the ranges over the next couple of days and for a return to more changeable conditions early next week. However, there is much uncertainty in the detail from Monday.

Headline for Saturday 17 Oct 2020: Bright and often sunny, especially in the west. Chilly.

Mountain weather hazards on Saturday 17 Oct 2020

Blizzards No Likelihood	**Heavy Snow** No Likelihood	**Storm force winds** No Likelihood
Gales No Likelihood	**Severe chill effect** No Likelihood	**Poor visibility** Low Likelihood
Thunderstorms No Likelihood	**Heavy persistent rain** No Likelihood	**Strong sunlight** No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m					
Time					
06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Sunny	Cloudy	Sunny intervals	Sunny intervals	Cloudy	Cloudy
Precipitation probability					
10%	<05%	<05%	10%	10%	10%

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Weather: Early patchy drizzle then variable cloud cover through much of the day with the west coast and Lochaber seeing clearer, often sunny conditions whereas the south and east likely cloudier and some hill fog.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 60% with most ranges afforded cloud free periods, Mull and Lochaber likely seeing the best of these. Cloud bases generally 800m and above.

Visibility: Generally very good with some distant views on offer, but limited to a kilometre or less in any areas of hill fog.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph) Wind Direction (blowing from)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	17/21 NE	14/18 NE	10/14 NE	12/16 NE	15/19 NE	13/17 E	7/10 NE
900	15/18 NE	14/18 E	11/15 E	12/16 NE	13/18 NE	13/17 E	9/12 E
600	18/22 NE	16/20 NE	12/16 NE	14/18 NE	17/23 NE	15/19 NE	7/10 E
300	9/12 N	5/8 N	7/10 N	11/17 NE	6/12 N	4/7 N	2/4 NW
Glen	6/13 NE	6/14 NE	8/13 NE	9/15 NE	8/18 NE	6/12 NE	3/8 E

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)						
1300	3/-2	2/-3	-0/-5	0/-5	0/-5	0/-5	-1/-5
900	2/-3	2/-3	3/-2	3/-2	1/-4	1/-4	1/-3
600	4/-1	4/-1	4/1	4/0	4/-1	4/-0	4/1
300	6/3	5/4	7/5	7/4	6/4	5/4	5/4
Glen	6/4	8/6	10/8	10/8	8/5	7/5	6/6
Freezing Level*	1900m	1700m	1600m	1400m	1300m	1100m	1100m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View
Note temperatures close to freezing above Munro level.

Forecast for Sunday 18 Oct 2020
Weather: A cloudy but bright day with any hill fog generally only affecting ground above Munro level. A few showers may linger, but most parts will stay dry for much of the day. Thickening cloud will spread eastwards later in the afternoon to bring some spells of rain (sleet or wet snow above around 700m).

Maximum wind: Southerly 10-15mph.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 80% for most of daylight hours with most cloud confined to Munro level and above, falling 30% by evening as cloud descends more widely from the west to 500-700m.

Visibility: No issues through much of the day away from highest ground where there may be periods of fog. Falling to a handful of kilometres by evening as rain sets in and cloud lowers. Very poor visibility in sleet or snow.

Temperature: **Glens:** 2-5C rising 8-10C.
At 800m: 1C.
Freezing level: 1200m rising above summits through evening.

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